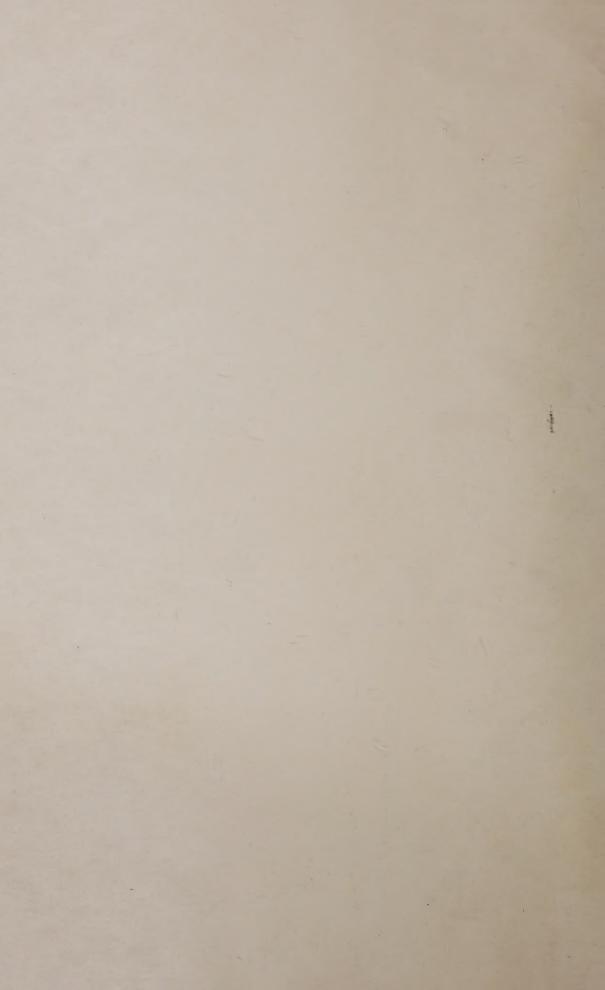
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Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern

Development, and the Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister

of Public Works, announced today that a \$424,937

contract has been awarded to General Enterprises Limited

of Whitehorse, Yukon, for two miles of road construction

which will complete the Yukon section of the Carcross

to Skagway, Alaska, road.

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The two miles of new construction will complete the road running southeast from Carcross along the shore of Tagish Lake and southwest along the western shore of Windy Arm to the British Columbia and Yukon border—an overall distance of 15 miles.

When the remaining sections are completed the road will run south from the B.C./Yukon border for 18 miles, touching the western shore of Tutshi Lake, turn east for 10 miles and then south to Skagway along the Skagway River—a total distance of 59 miles.

The existing road runs north from Carcross to the northeast, a distance of 35 miles and connects Carcross with the Alaska Highway.

The new highway when completed will be the first road link between the two historic cities of Whitehorse and Skagway, travelling through areas made famous during the Gold Rush of 1898.

It will open an auto route to the public through some of the most scenic areas in Canada's northwest.

Mr. Chrétien said, "In addition to the obvious economic importance in facilitating resource development it will do much to foster the tourist and outdoor recreation potential in the area."

Skagway is a deep water, ice-free port and is now serviced only by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad constructed during 1898-1900 to handle the needs of the Klondike Gold Rush. It links Skagway with Carcross and Whitehorse in the Yukon.

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